

## 21 Group ROCA - Plant a Tree for the Jubilee 2022

At 21 Group's Committee meeting held during Covid-19 rules on Zoom in November 2020 we considered planting a tree to commemorate 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ROC Stand-down, to be viewed and photographed at our gathering to be held in September, 2021. Events over took us when the Royal Jubilee plans were outlined, it was announced in July 2021 that the Country would be encouraged to 'Plant a Tree for the Jubilee'.

So our tree planting was postponed until the Platinum Jubilee Year of 2022. We were kindly given permission by Paul Miller for the trees to be planted at our former Bunker.

We researched options for trees, the size and cost etc. and the decision was made to plant Hawthorn to correspond with the ROC Grove at National Arboretum in Staffordshire.

The trees were ordered on 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2022, 4 medium Hawthorn trees which were sold by Woodland Trust at between 15-60cm tall, aged 1 year. The cost was £14.95 for 4 and we also bought the stakes and support guards making the total £27.90. They were delivered to the bunker for attention of Elaine and Emily. I laminated labels and sent them to Elaine.

When we attended our Beacon Lighting Event at the Bunker on 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2022, Paul Miller pointed out the area behind the Guardhouse where his Admin officer Elaine had organised the planting of our 4 hawthorn trees, staked, in protective sheaths and labelled 'Planted for 21 Group Royal Observer Corps Preston 21 Group ROCA. We took photographs of the tiny saplings.

We planted 4 trees for the Jubilee and sent a photo to register on the website for The Queen's Green Canopy.

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